

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 7, and 11 are amended herein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Saito et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,300,997 B1). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 7, and 11 call for a liquid crystal device or a method for driving a liquid crystal device including a plurality of first electrodes on a first substrate and wiring lines on a second substrate, the wiring lines each corresponding to one of the first electrodes and being connected to the corresponding first electrodes. Furthermore, claims 1, 7, and 11 recite that each wiring line intersects at least one first electrode other than the corresponding first electrode and that the wiring lines form cross sections with the at least one first electrodes other than the corresponding first electrodes. Additionally, claims 1, 7, and 11 call for applying a voltage to the first electrodes through the wiring lines such that the effective value of a voltage applied to liquid crystals at the cross sections is smaller than the effective value of a voltage applied to a corresponding pixel for turning on the pixel.

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 7, and 11 as anticipated by Saito et al. The Examiner acknowledges that Saito et al. does not expressly disclose the effective value of a voltage applied to liquid crystals at cross sections as originally claimed. However,

the Examiner states that it would be inherent to define or limit a voltage applied to liquid crystals at cross sections as claimed.

Applicants submit that Saito et al. does not disclose a liquid crystal display device having cross sections as claimed. In contrast, Saito et al. discloses a device in which leading wires 39, 42, 43, 44, 45 do not intersect or overlap with any other wires or electrodes to which they are not connected or with which they do not correspond. (See, e.g., Figure 2 and column 3, line 49 to column 4, column 8 of the Saito et al. reference.) Furthermore, as Saito et al. does not disclose cross sections as claimed, Applicants submit that it would not be inherent to apply a voltage to such cross sections as claimed. Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicants submit that claims 1, 7, and 11 are not anticipated by Saito et al.

Claims 2-3 and 8-9 depend from one of claims 1 and 7 and, therefore, for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claims 1 and 7, should also be patentable.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito et al. in view of Kawakami et al. (*"Matrix Addressing Technology of Twisted Nematic Liquid Crystal Display"*). Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito et al. in view of Morimoto et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,181,406 B1). Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 4-6 depend on claim 1 and, therefore, for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1, should also be patentable.

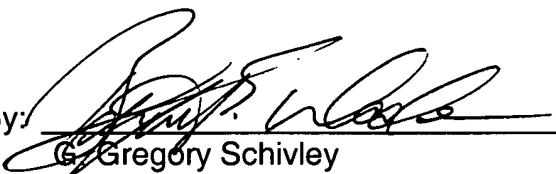
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CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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